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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE 1,000 GRAMS OR MORE OF PCP

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court for his role in a conspiracy to distribute 1,000 grams or more of phencyclidine (PCP).

Bertkinzey E. Marchbanks, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., on Feb. 28, 2003, to six years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 14, 2002, **Marchbanks** pleaded guilty to a federal indictment filed on July 10, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Marchbanks** admitted to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 1,000 grams or more of PCP between Jan. 1, 2002 and July 2, 2002.

On Nov. 21, 2002, co-defendant **Damon M. King**, 30, of Kansas City, also has pleaded guilty to his role in the same conspiracy. **King** admitted that he, too, conspired to distribute 1,000 grams or more of PCP between Jan. 1, 2002 and July 2, 2002. **King** also was indicted on July 10, 2002.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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